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**MPO GOVERNING BOARD**

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- February 6, 2003

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**B. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2003-2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO ADVANCE THE SCHEDULING OF THE NW 97<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE BRIDGE PROJECT (*PUBLIC HEARING*)

**C. REQUEST BY BOARD MEMBER DENNIS C. MOSS**

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE YEAR 2025 LRTP TO ADVANCE THE US 1/S. DIXIE HIGHWAY-SW 104 STREET TO CUTLER RIDGE PREMIUM TRANSIT PROJECT FROM A PRIORITY IV TO A PRIORITY I FOR PURPOSES OF CONDUCTING PRELIMINARY STUDIES (*PUBLIC HEARING*)

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**F. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (PSA) FOR TRANSPORTATION PLANNING CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AND SELECTED FIRMS

**G. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (PSA)  
BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AND  
GANNETT FLEMING, INC TO UPDATE THE MPO LONG RANGE  
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**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA  
GOVERNING BOARD**

**MEETING OF THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2003 AT 2:00 P.M.**

**STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER  
111 NW FIRST STREET  
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

**SUMMARY MINUTES**

Chairperson Barbara M. Carey-Shuler called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. In addition to Chairperson Carey-Shuler, the following members were present at the initiation of the meeting:

Joe J. Celestin	Raul L. Martinez
Manuel A. Diaz	Jimmy L. Morales
Perla T. Hantman	Dennis C. Moss
Sally Heyman	Dorrian D. Rolle
William H. Kerdyk	Jose Smith
M. Ronald Krongold	Katy Sorenson
Joe A. Martinez	

Non-voting members present: Mr. Gary Donn, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

The following staff members were present: Bill Johnson, Assistant County Manager, Jose-Luis Mesa, Director, MPO Secretariat, and Robert Cuevas, Assistant County Attorney.

The following members arrived after the meeting commenced:

Bruno A. Barriero	Darryl K. Sharpton
Betty T. Ferguson	Javier D. Souto

**III. MEMBER, VACANCY, ATTENDANCE AND DEMOGRAPHICS  
REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**1. CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(CTAC)**

Mr. Mike Hatcher, CTAC's 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair, informed the Board that CTAC passed a resolution supporting the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Master Plans and Ordinances for Community Urban Centers (CUCs) along US-1 Busway Extension. He further stated that CTAC Chairman Frank Hernandez is currently sitting on the CITT Nominating

Committee and has kept CTAC abreast on all its activities as they progress. He respectfully informed the Board that CTAC still has vacancies that need to be filled. He concluded by thanking the Board for their continued support in CTAC's efforts.

**2. TRANSPORTATION AESTHETIC REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)**

Board Member Sorenson on behalf of Board Member R. Martinez appointed Inti Byron to TARC.

**3. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)**

**4. MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)**

Mr. Servando Parapar, MDX Director, provided the Board with a brief update of the MDX projects. He stated that the status for SR 112 Project Master Plan is currently on schedule with the final design consultant procurement scheduled for late summer 2003. He also informed the Board that the SR 836, NW 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue to NW 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue Project is in construction phases with 90% of the project complete. He concluded by informing the Board that a Status Report was provided as part of the agenda package highlighting more MDX projects and their current status. *(A copy of this Status Report is available at the MPO Secretariat).*

**I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Mesa informed the Board that Item IV.B Transportation Improvement Program has been withdrawn from the Agenda at the request of its sponsor. He further stated that Item IV.D has been replaced with a substitute resolution. He concluded by stating that Items V. A.1, 2 & E.2 have been added to the agenda for discussion.

Board Member Morales requested that the MDX report be moved to the top of the agenda as decided by the Board at its last meeting. Chairperson Carey-Shuler responded that the MDX would be placed under Item III. MPO Committees Reports. Board Member Moss requested that the agencies that have an item to report to the Board be listed under Item III. MPO Committees Reports. He further requested that a formal presentation by MDX be presented to the Board at the next MPO meeting.

Board Member R. Martinez moved the approval of the agenda as amended and Board Member Moss seconded the motion. The agenda was approved as amended.

## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Board Member Rolle moved the approval of the minutes of February 6, 2003, and Board Member Sorenson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as submitted.

## **IV. ACTION ITEMS**

- A. MPO PROSPECTUS FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS**  
*RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE MPO PROSPECTUS TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS TO INCLUDE THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT (OPTM) AS A FORMAL PARTICIPANT OF THE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS AND TO REVISE THE MIAMI DADE TRANSIT SECTION AS APPROPRIATE (PUBLIC HEARING)*

Chairperson Carey-Shuler opened the public hearing. Chairperson Carey-Shuler closed the public hearing.

Board Member R. Martinez moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Heyman seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

- B. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT**  
*RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2003-2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO ADVANCE THE SCHEDULING OF THE NW 97<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE BRIDGE PROJECT (PUBLIC HEARING)*

This item was **withdrawn** from the agenda at the request of its sponsor.

- C. REQUEST BY BOARD MEMBER DENNIS C. MOSS**  
*RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE YEAR 2025 LRTP TO ADVANCE THE US 1/S. DIXIE HIGHWAY –SW 104 STREET TO CUTLER RIDGE PREMIUM TRANSIT PROJECT FROM PRIORITY IV TO A PRIORITY I FOR PURPOSES OF CONDUCTING PRELIMINARY STUDIES (PUBLIC HEARING)*

Chairperson Carey-Shuler opened the public hearing.

Mr. Lee Gunderson, Chamber South Representative, informed the Board that the Chamber South supported the approval of this resolution. He further stated that the citizens of the South fully support a transit project along this corridor. He concluded by submitting to the Board a copy of

the Chamber South Transportation Plan 2010, which highlights transportation projects for the South Dade area that the Chamber South supports. *(A copy of this document is available at the MPO Secretariat).*

Mr. Denise Heacock, Perrine/Cutler Ridge Council Representative, informed the Board that the Council of Perrine and Cutler Ridge supports this resolution. She further stated that the Council expressed their support through a resolution passed by its Board of Directors.

A citizen from Village of Palmetto Bay expressed support for this resolution. He concluded by reading into record the resolution passed by the Village of Palmetto Bay Council in support of this item. *(The MPO Video tape including the Village of Palmetto Bay resolution is available for review at the MPO Secretariat).*

Chairperson Carey-Shuler closed the public hearing.

Board Member Moss stated he would like to amend the resolution to state that the transit line would end at Florida City instead of Cutler Ridge. He further stated that this project has the support from the citizens, the right of way, and the land is currently owned by Miami-Dade, hence allowing the project to proceed quickly. He concluded by stating that having the preliminary study completed for this project would allow this project to move forward after the North Corridor and East/West Corridor.

Board Member Sorenson stated that this is a great opportunity for the MPO to coordinate the land-use planning with the transportation planning. She further clarified that the development in the south has not begun and therefore the opportunity to plan for transportation is available.

Board Member Celestin requested clarity on the status of the Northeast corridor. Mr. Danny Alvarez, OPTM Director, responded that the Northeast is the only corridor that has not been studied. He further stated that a consultant was just selected for this corridor. He concluded by stating that once the initial planning stage is complete, the MPO can address the various alternatives for the Northeast Corridor.

At the suggestion of Mr. Alvarez, Board Member Moss amended the resolution to clarify the limits of the US 1/ S. Dixie Highway from Dadeland South Metrorail to Florida City. This motion was seconded by Board Member Sorenson. The resolution was approved as amended unanimously.

Chairperson Carey-Shuler welcomed eleven African students visiting from the Institute for Democracy in Nigeria, Africa where they study Journalism and Mass Media. Mr. Tony Okonmah, Executive Director,

thanked Miami-Dade for their continue support in this program which has allowed the program to exist for five-years (5).

**D. BAY LINK STUDY**

***RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A BI-DIRECTIONAL TWO-TRACK LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT (LRT) SYSTEM FOR THE BAY LINK STUDY (PUBLIC HEARING)***

Mr. Mesa introduced this item and informed the Board that the substitute resolution is from the Transportation Planning Council. He further stated that the blue hand-out is the City of Miami Beach Commission's resolution that they passed on March 10, 2003.

Board Member Smith informed the Board that the Miami Beach resolution was not an action of "no build" but an attempt to defer taking action on the Bay Link Project until further information could be obtained. He further introduced Mr. Robert Middaugh, Asst. City Manager of Miami Beach, who provided the Board with additional information. Mr. Middaugh informed the Board that the Miami Beach Commission was advised that a delayed decision on Bay Link would not impact the priority or funding for the project, especially Miami Beach's portion. He further informed that Miami Beach paid for a delegation of city officials and staff to visit areas that have an established lightrail system. He then stated that the information obtained from the trip and research provided by the consultants allowed the Miami Beach Manager to recommend a double track alignment with smaller cars that would be more in character with the City of Miami Beach. He further concluded by stating that the recommended routes would entail Alton Road and Washington Avenue and that the Commission believed that further study needed to be done for Alton Road in addition to expanding the scope of works for the project to include the northern boundary of Miami Beach.

Board Member Barriero stated that he felt that the Miami Beach Commission meeting had been misinterpreted by the media. He further stated that the Miami Beach Commission had been pressured by the consultants to make a decision regarding Bay Link with a false deadline. He also stated that he informed the Miami Beach Commission that there was not a set deadline and any delayed decision would not impact getting this project prioritized or funded. He further stated that the Bay Link Study failed to address the usage of alternative technology or routes. He concluded by stating that as a member of the MPO Board he was not comfortable mandating a position on Miami Beach without being provided all the information needed to make a sound decision.

Board Member R. Martinez stated that the connection to the Miami-Miami Beach had been debated and studied for years and have accumulated a cost of \$3.2 million thus far. He further stated that the citizens of Dade

County overwhelmingly voted in support of the Bay Link Project and its proposed routes on November 5, 2002 and it is the officials that appear to be undecided. He then stated that Miami Beach officials should let the Board know if they do not want a link to Miami so the MPO could move on and not further tie up funds on this project. He concluded by stating that the City of Miami Mayor and Commission have always supported this project. He further concluded that any funds that Miami Beach want to use in regards to further study on this project should be taken from their portion of the sales tax.

Board Member Morales stated that the request to expand the Bay Link study to include the northern portion of Miami Beach is a departure from the People Transportation Plan and therefore should go before the Citizen Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) for consideration. He concluded by requesting clarity on the absolute deadline for notifying the federal government on the East/West Corridor. Mr. Mesa responded by stating that there were no set deadlines. He further clarified by stating that the sooner a project goes through its Final Impact Statement the better the chances it has to receive federal funding.

Board Member Morales requested clarity on the impact of delaying a decision for Bay Link would have on the East/West Corridor as a whole on receiving the maximum funding possible. Mr. Alvarez responded that the East/West Project is divided into three segments with the Bay Link portion being the third segment. He further stated that any delaying of one does not impact the other segments from moving forward.

Board Member Sorenson state that the MPO Board's responsibility is to transportation planning for Dade County as a whole. She further stated that the MPO Board respects the decisions of municipal governments. But the MPO Board must make decisions that are in the best interest of all Dade County. She also stated that the Bay Link would be a great opportunity for not only the citizens of Miami Beach, but everyone. She concluded by encouraging the Board to stick to the People's Transportation Plan and move forward with the Bay Link Project. She further concluded by stating that an alternative technology for the Bay Link Project should be investigated as well.

Board Member Smith expressed to the Board that the Bay Link was presented to Miami Beach only a year ago. He further stated that the City of Miami Beach had since been working with the citizens and the consultants to determine the option best for Miami Beach. He further stated that it would be irresponsible of Miami Beach officials to rush into a decision without looking at all of the alternatives. He concluded by stating that Miami Beach require more time to conduct the additional research on the project.



Board Member M. Diaz stated that the City of Miami is very interested in the Bay Link Project and would not want to see any action taken that would jeopardize this project from moving forward.

Board Member Krongold stated that he did not take offense to the City of Miami Beach resolution. He further stated he did not see it as a resolution supporting a “no build” decision. He further stated that the resolution focused on trying to research the northern boundary of Miami Beach using their consultants, which should be allowed.

Board Member Sharpton requested clarity on what Miami Beach plans to study outside of the \$3.2 million that has already been investigated from prior studies concerning this link. Mr. Middaugh responded that this additional study would investigate the area north of the Convention Center on Miami Beach.

Board Member Celestin moved that the MPO give the City of Miami Beach ninety (90) days to state if they support the Bay Link Project or not. Board Member R. Martinez seconded the motion with the proviso that the DEIS used for the Study is the same one part of the approved PTP.

Board Member Barriero requested that the motion be amended to give the City of Miami Beach 120 days. Board Member Celestin accepted the friendly amendment with additional proviso that the MPO will move forward with a decision regarding Bay Link after this time period regardless if Miami Beach has decided or not.

After much discussion on the motion, Chairperson Carey-Shuler put the motion to a vote and it passed 13-5.

Mr. Bill Johnson requested clarity on whether staff and the current consultant could continue to work with the City of Miami Beach until a decision has been made. Board Member Barriero requested that the consultants look at the upgraded Metromover, the Anovia 3<sup>rd</sup> generation as a possible technology for the project. Chairperson Carey-Shuler requested that staff instruct the consultants to take a look at these requests.

Board Member Morales requested that a detailed description of what needs to be submitted to the federal government and the deadline for this submittal. Chairperson Carey-Shuler requested that Mr. Alvarez provide the Board with a written response to this request.

**E. SUPPLEMENTAL JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**  
*RESOLUTION APPROVING TWO (2) SUPPLEMENTAL JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN*

*PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION TO CONTINUE FUNDING THE SOUTH FLORIDA  
VANPOOL PROGRAM (SFVP)*

Board Member R. Martinez moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Sorenson seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

**F. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

*RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
AGREEMENT (PSA) FOR TRANSPORTATION PLANNING  
CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN  
PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AND SELECTED FIRMS*

Board Member Moss requested clarity on the process for contract awarding for the Environmental Impact Statement on projects. Mr. Mesa stated that because of the large sums involved in those contracts the bidding is done on a single basis and would require the Board's approval for each one. Mr. Johnson further explained that the Office of Public Transportation Management is currently working on a plan that would address each of the major projects including North Corridor and East/West Corridor for the purpose of developing a contract awarding process. He further stated that this plan would be presented to the County Commission.

Mr. J. Martinez expressed concern with the limited information provided for the professional services agreement. He further clarified that a blanket contract does not allow the Board to view each scope of works individually to determine if any duplication of works exist. Mr. Mesa explained that the purpose of this agreement is to allow further studies on existing projects or special request by Board Members to have a study done. He further stated that this agreement allows the study to be awarded quicker. Mr. Johnson further added that each scope of works and the anticipated amount would be presented to the Board for approval prior to work being done.

Board Member Sorenson moved for the approval of the resolution. Board Member R. Martinez seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

**G. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

*RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (PSA) BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AND GANNETT FLEMING, INC TO UPDATE THE MPO LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) TO THE YEAR 2030*

Board Member Sorenson moved for approval of the resolution. Chairperson Carey-Shuler seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

**V. REPORTS**

**A. MEMBERS**

1. Board Member Manny Diaz: Discussion on Martin Luther King Boulevard (NW/NE 62<sup>nd</sup> Street) Revitalization Project

Board Member Manny Diaz distributed a report and provided the Board with a brief overview of the Martin Luther King Boulevard Revitalization Project. He informed the Board that various community leaders have been involved in the development of this project. He also stated that the purpose is to redevelop the surrounding areas on Martin Luther King Boulevard. He further stated that this project is a great opportunity to bring and coordinate with multiple agencies to revitalize this boulevard. He concluded by inviting the Board to attend the kick off for this project on April 4, 2003.

Chairperson Carey-Shuler encouraged the Board to support these efforts. She further moved that the Board accept this report and embrace the Martin Luther King Boulevard Revitalization Project. The motion was seconded by Board Member M. Diaz. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Board Member Joe Martinez: Discussion of improvements on Miller Road between SW 152<sup>nd</sup> Street and SW 157<sup>th</sup> Street

Due to lack of quorum, Board Member J. Martinez **deferred** this item until the next MPO Board meeting and requested that it be presented as an amendment to increase its priority.

**B. MANAGER**

1. Highway Maintenance Program Schedule and Beautification Efforts
2. People's Transportation Plan

Board Member Moss requested that these items be **deferred** to the next MPO meeting and placed at the top of the agenda.

C. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT)

The MPO Board congratulated Mr. Jose Abreu, former District VI Secretary, on his promotion to State Secretary of Transportation.

D. MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)

1. Monthly Status Report

*(Presented at the beginning of the agenda, reflected on page 2 of these minutes)*

E. SECRETARIAT

1. MPO Quarterly Newsletter

2. MPO Redesignation

*(Item E.2 was **deferred** by the Board until the next meeting).*

**VII. ADJOURNMENT** The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.